

Some things a baby with normal hearing should be able to do:

Birth to 3 Months of Age

- Blinks or jumps when there is a sudden, loud sound
- Quiets or smiles when spoken to
- Make sounds like “ohh,” “ahh”

3 to 6 Months of Age

- Looks for sounds with eyes
- Starts babbling (“baba,” “mama,” “gaga”)
- Uses many sounds, squeals and chuckles

6 to 9 Months of Age

- Turns head toward loud sounds
- Understands “no-no” or “bye-bye”
- Babbles, for example “baba,” “mama,” “gaga”

9 to 12 Months of Age

- Repeats simple words and sounds you make
- Correctly uses “mama” or “dada”
- Responds to singing or music
- Points to favorite toys and objects when asked

If you have any questions about your baby’s hearing or this list, talk with your baby’s health professional.

Where else can I get information?

- Visit www.babyhearing.org
- Contact us at:

Newborn Hearing Screening Project
350 Capitol Street, Room 427
Charleston, WV 25301
(304) 558-5388 or
Toll Free in WV 1-800-642-8522



Your Baby Needs Another Hearing Test

Finding Hearing Loss Early Can
Make a Big Difference in Your
Baby’s Life

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Why does my baby need another hearing test?

Some babies may need another test because:

- Fluid in the ear
- Baby was moving a lot
- Noise in the testing room
- Baby has hearing loss

Most babies who need another test have normal hearing. Some will have hearing loss.

Why is it important to have another hearing test as soon as possible?

- Testing is the only way to know if your baby has a hearing loss.
- The earlier a hearing loss is found, the better it is for your baby.
- If your baby has a hearing loss, there are many ways we can help your baby.

What will happen during my visit?

- A hearing specialist (an audiologist) will test your baby and tell you the results, or tell you if more tests are needed.
- The test is safe and painless.
- A few babies will need a more complete set of hearing tests, so you may be asked to bring your baby back.
- If your baby needs more testing, get it done as soon as possible.

Can a newborn baby pass the hearing test and still have hearing loss?

- Yes, some babies hear well enough to pass the first test, but lose their hearing later because of:
 - *some illnesses* - *some medicines*
 - *some injuries* - *family history of hearing loss*
- Watch for signs of hearing loss as your baby grows.
- Use the list on the back cover as a guide.
- If you have questions about your baby’s hearing, talk to your baby’s health professional.

An appointment has been made for your baby’s next hearing test:

Your Baby’s Name

Audiologist’s Name

Time and Date

Place

Phone Number

